

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.

The Love of a Friend.

Sweet friend, I thank thee for thy love
That thou hast given me;
Close fast the portals of thy heart,
Lest it should fly from thee.
Keep it, I pray, in warm embrace,
Ne'er let it take to flight,—
Else sad to me the world would seem,
And dark the hours of light.
To feel that thy heart beats for mine,
Is like some nectar sweet,—
Ambrosial nectar, only fit
To lay at Cupid's feet.
And could a being made of clay
Drink of the god's own wine,
Ne'er would be felt the pleasure sweet
That stirs this heart of mine.
For well I know, sweet friend, that thou
Wilt ever cause to start
The melody of love that brings
Its echoes from my heart.
And so, should some friends prove, alas!
Friends only of fair weather,
I still shall feel that love holds fast,
And binds our hearts together.
—Good Housekeeping.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my second attempt to write for the Children's Column. I like to go to school. I am ten years old. I study Reading, Spelling, Geography and Arithmetic. Rev. Yoder has quit preaching here. He has too far to come this winter. He has twenty-five miles to come. My teacher's name is Mr. Charlie Jones. I will stop for this time. I will try and write another time.

ELLA JOHNSON.
Humboldt, Neb.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Jennie McPeckers. I am 8 years old. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My teacher's name is Solomon Gouchenour. My papa, mamma and one sister belong to the Brethren church. If my letter escapes the waste basket, I will write again. I will close for this time.

ARTHUR BOYER.
Johnstown, Pa.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my second attempt to write for the Children's Column. I go to school every day. My teacher's name is Charlie Jones. Miss Grace Jones will teach our school next summer. I have four sisters and three brothers; two of them are married and one dead. We have twenty-five scholars in our school. I am ten years old. I study Reading, Spelling, Geography, Arithmetic and Writing. I have half a mile to go to school.

NELLIE JOHNSON.
Humboldt, Neb.

DEAR EDITOR:—I thought I would write a letter as I have not written for a long time. I go to school. My teacher's name is Wesley Bitner. I like him very well. My studies are Spelling, Reading, Arithmetic, Geography and Writing. My oldest brother and my oldest sister are married. My sister was married the 23rd of Oct., and my brother about Christmas. He was married in Ind. We expect him home about the first of March. I will be glad to see him come. My second oldest brother will be at home this spring, so I have only one sister and one brother and myself at home. I guess I must close for this time.

Good bye.
SUSANNAH WARNER.

Morrill, Kan.

DEAR EDITOR:—I will again try to write a letter for the paper, so that the Children's Column will not stop or be filled up with Vinegar Bitters. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I am Sec'y. There is church here next Sunday at the Brethren church. Bro. Wm. Summers is our pastor. We like him very much. Pa, ma and myself belong to the Brethren church. One of my sisters and nieces came out here on a visit from Wisconsin. I was very glad to see them. We young folks out here are going to start up a

temperance lodge; have it every Monday night. I think that will be nice. Well, for fear of wearying your patience I will bring my letter to a close by asking a question: How many times is the word and mentioned in the Bible? If this escapes the waste basket I may write again.

CASSIE CLEMANS,

Tiosa, Ind.

DEAR EDITOR:—I will try to write again. As pa has been to Carlton and got a number of names for Company D, I think I can get some more for Company D down here. I wish that all the little folks that read the EVANGELIST would write for it. Bro. Nicholson preaches for us now. I would like to hear from the Falls City and Ashland folks again, as I think we could crowd out Vinegar Bitters altogether. It would look better and perhaps taste better, any way we want them off of our page. Enclose find \$1.00 for Company D. The names are:

Roy Cook Lichty, Harry Real Lichty, Annie Whipkey, Mamie Whipkey, Lulu Whipkey, Ed. Lichty, Sammie Lichty, Willie Lichty, Jesse Lichty, Carlton, Neb.; Alice Wimer, Wayne, Kan.

I will close by saying that I thank the little boys and girls that sent me this money.

Good bye.

FRANK B. YODER.

Morrill, Kan.

DEAR EDITOR:—I thought I would write a letter for the Children's Column. I live with my daughter and son-in-law. I raised a family of eight children, four of whom have gone across the river. I have 14 grand children and 13 great grand children. Today is my birthday. I am 91 years old, older than any of you ever expect to be. Think what I have seen and gone through; how the years have come and gone, until they have numbered almost a hundred. I am a pretty old child, but not too old to read my Bible and the EVANGELIST. I always read the children's letters, and am glad to see so many names sent for Co's A, B, C and D. Hope you will continue working until your mites pay a big portion of the College debt. Tell your grand mother's to write letters for the Children's Column and see what a long list it would make. It would soon help Frank Yoder fill his list. I have a grand son named Frank, who graduated last June, and is now Principal of the High School in one of our cities, and gets \$100 per month. Our College will do the same for our young men, when the debt is paid. I have been a member of the church sixty years—more years than many of you will live and have tried to serve my Master and lay up treasures in heaven. I will have to close or I will crowd the children out and they will think this no more interesting than Vinegar Bitters. I am grandmother of all of you, by reason of my great age. How many of you children, and grown people, too will read your Bible through beginning now? Let me know in your letters. I dictated this and my daughter Laura, wrote it. Love to all the dear children.

Your grandmother.

MARY MILLER.

Easton, West Va., Feb. 9, '89.

The Basket Boy.

Frank Smith is a little boy, so lame from rheumatism that he can not walk without crutches. He makes baskets with strips of white oak and sells them to his neighbors.

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One day he met a woman driving a pig home, and with

her apron full of apples. She held a long string in one hand, the end being fastened around the pig's neck, but he ran from one side of the road to the other and gave her much trouble. Frank felt sorry for her, and handed her one of the baskets. "Take this," he said, and "put the apples into it. Then you can carry them on your arm, and manage the pig better."

The woman thanked him "a thousand times," and Frank was as much pleased as if he had sold the basket.

Some days afterward the same woman brought him a dozen fresh eggs and as many large, red apples.—Our Little Ones.

A Boy's Religion.

If a boy is a lover of the Lord Jesus Christ, though he can not lead a prayer-meeting or be a church-officer or a preacher, he can be a godly boy in a boy's way and a boy's place. He ought not to be too solemn or too quiet for a boy. He need not cease to be a boy because he is a Christian. He ought to run, jump, play, climb, and yell like a real boy. But in it all he ought to be free from vulgarity and profanity. He ought to eschew tobacco in every form, and have a horror of intoxicating drinks. He ought to be peaceable, gentle, merciful, generous. He ought to take the part of small boys against large ones. He ought to discourage fighting. He ought to refuse to be a party to mischief, to persecution, to deceit. And, above all things, he ought now and then to show his colors. He need not always be interrupting a game to say he is a Christian, but he ought not to be ashamed to say that he refuses to do something because it is wrong or wicked, or because he fears God or he is a Christian. He ought to take no part in ridicule of sacred things, but meet the ridicule of others with a bold statement that for the things of God he feels the deepest reverence.—Selected.

The Boy who Obeyed his Mother.

Here is a pretty story about a little boy who was sailing a boat with a playmate a good deal larger than he was.

The boat had sailed a good way out in the pond, and the big boy said, "Go in, Jim, and get her. It isn't over your ankles, and I've been in after her every time."

"I daren't," said Jim. I'll carry her all the way home for you, but I can't go in there; she told me not to."

"Who's she?"

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"My mother," said Jim, softly.

"Your mother! Why, I thought she was dead," said the big boy.

"That was before she died. Eddie and I used to come here and sail boats, and she never let us unless we had string enough to haul in with. I ain't afraid, you know I'm not; only she didn't want me to, and I can't do it."

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